



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 6, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Doug Dresie Dan Newyear Pat Hogan Jim Ghere Bob Wuerdeman
Nathan Cherry Ava Royce Shawn Royce Rob Royce

Park Events	
1.1	<p>Christmas Tree Lighting, 12/7/23, 7-8pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan advised that “Alpha” competition a capella group from West Clermont High School is confirmed. They will sing 8 songs which will be 20-25 minutes. They can also lead the sing-a-long. Dan will check if they will be bringing their own sound system. We may also have them stream some Christmas tunes to fill in the gaps. • Dan will reach out to Pierce Point for popcorn. • Anne Campbell is reaching out to Bixby Coffee for hot chocolate.
1.2	<p>2024 Event Planning Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug is unsure of timing of budget approval. • The group recommends a February deadline for lining up the licensing and engaging with Fun Flicks for the May Movie in the Park. • The group recommends a March deadline for beer license application for the June Concert in the Park. • We will ask Michelle Balside to reach out to Leroy Ellington for the concerts. Doug mentioned “The Eagles Project.” He will reach out to them to see who represents them.
1.3	<p>Other Programming: Master Gardeners Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug has reached out to Claudia Carroll with the Master Gardeners Group. They are willing to prepare ideas for planting designs for Groh Park’s entrance or near the new playground. Doug will take photos and send them to Claudia. • For educational opportunities, Claudia suggested some topics like seed starting, herb gardening, and straw bale gardening. The group thought good opportunities for this would be just prior to the Movie Nights. The event would start early and transition into the Movie Night. Doug will stay in contact with Claudia.

Park Improvements	
2.1	<p>Groh Park Playground Ribbon Cutting: The dedication is scheduled for Friday, November 10th, at 4:30pm.</p>
2.2	<p>State Capital Grant: Veterans/First Responders Memorial: Doug advised that Eddie McCarthy reached out to him and advised that an application is being submitted for a State Capital Grant for a Veterans/First Responders Memorial. The Parks Master Plan updated in 2021 had identified a memorial. Doug will forward the pages from the Master Plan to Eddie for reference. Those in attendance all support this initiative.</p>

Other Business	
3.1	<p>Park Work Day – 11/11/23, 9am-1pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan has posted this with UC for volunteers. Doug advised that the Master Gardeners Group may also have some volunteers. • Dan advised that there may not be as much to do at the Nature Park as previously thought. There are trees down at Locust Corner Park which need to be addressed, as well as invasives on the trails. We will plan send 3-4 people to the Nature Park, and the remaining volunteers will work at Locust Corner Park.
3.2	<p>Scout Projects:</p> <p>Ava Royce is working on her Eagle Scout. She presented her proposed project of constructing and installing a “Free Little Library” for Locust Corner Park, It would be 15”x13” with plexi-glass doors mounted to a 4x4 post. The goal is to paint it with natural colors so that it will blend in. The group discussed potentially placing it near the playground near a bench on a walkway. She will be fundraising at St. Thomas More Church/School. Jim Ghere offered to let them use his shop to build it. The group is very supportive of this project. Doug will bring it up in the Trustees Meeting on November 8th to ensure there are no objections.</p>
3.3	

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2023, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie

Please Join Us At Pierce Township Park For

Holiday 2023

Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 7, 2023 7:00pm - 8:00pm



**FREE
HOT CHOCOLATE
AND POPCORN**



Music by

**West Clermont Alpha
Competition A Cappella Team**



**Fun Ornament Craft Activity
For All Children**

Pierce Township Park - 961 Locust Corner Road

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